

617 Bethje St.,
Houston, Texas.
November 30, 1917.

Dear Mother:

I received both your letter and also Perry's today. I sent you a card early this morning when I realized that I had not written to you this week and that the week was almost gone.

Right now before I forget it, I want to say that the little boottees came all right just after you left and the girl has already worn them and they have even been washed. The toys came Wednesday and I am going to save them for Christmas. I know the boy will be tickled over the marbles especially, and the girl will be old enough then to notice the rattle. Kirby can learn his A.B.C's. from the ball. He can count after his grandma already, but doesn't like to say seven or eleven as they are too hard for him to pronounce.

The Baptists are having a continuous meeting here at the West End Baptist church, which has been greatly enlarged and a number of the soldier boys attend and I have been going quite a bit and doing some personal work among them. Already I have gotten one boy to come back into the church, the one you met when here, and have another one who has promised to make a decision tonight. He also is a backslider. I enjoy the work very much and am getting to be a little good at it.

It seems that the time limit for accepting enlistments is December 15th, and I suppose that if Perry is going to enlist instead of waiting for the draft he will have to leave pretty soon. I rather think that he would get along better in the Navy than in the Army. He would suffer quite a bit from his asthma over in France, and altogether it would be less dangerous, especially if he could be assigned to the West coast.

The boy is learning to talk quite a bit and is always repeating everything he hears and we have to be careful what we say before him. It is a funny thing, that he remembers his daddy's picture without anyone having to tell him who it is. I took the pictures down the other day to dust them and he was watching me and he said "Kiss Daddy", and of course daddy got kissed, so did mother. I wish you could see him. If Perry enlists, I wish he would come here to enlist and let us get another chance to see him. Will write him in a day or so. I hope Mr. Murry is getting along better.

With much love, I am,

Yours affectionately,

Alma

will write
Perry a letter
to get off on
Monday morning

The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations

124 East 28th Street, New York.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Nov. 30, 1917.

Pretty little Sweetheart:

I spent the day yesterday in writing and reading and in quiet meditation and prayer. I was to have taken dinner with the DeMerritt's, but they were going out to his father's and it would have taken the whole day. They were insistent that I go with them, but I did not feel that I could take the whole day for it, as there are so many things that I want to do in the way of reading and thinking. I had a most profitable day.

I am sorry that mother is so worried about the question of my talking against the war. I have tried to reassure her. As occasion arises I am speaking my convictions and I am increasingly confident that upon the main issue we have found the truth, however much light we may lack upon the details as to the way out. No longer is there any question in my mind as to whether war is right or wrong. I am certain that no Christian man ought to sanction it or to participate in it! I never had a line from the Century about the article. It is what ~~we~~ we must expect in these days. I pray God that we may not lose our balance and become soured and disgruntled. Oh, for a sweet and loving disposition!

I note what you say with reference to disposing of the piano and getting a Victrola. Use your own judgment and follow your own desire in the matter, and it surely will be all right with me. On the whole, I think the idea is a good one.

I am interested in what you say about moving and I hope it works out this way. I should think it would be more convenient for daddy to get to and from work. With regard to the question of finances for the coming months, we can take that up in person when I come - hasten the day, as I am about to "pop" I am so anxious to see all of you.

Mrs. Eddy is progressing nicely and will leave the hospital within a few days now. All goes well here.

Most affectionately,

Daddy

Flushing Hospital
Dec. 2. 1917.

My dear Mr Page,
Thank you so much
for your letter. I am indeed
grateful that I have made such a
good recovery. I hope to leave the
hospital in 2 days.

I am so glad to have my appendix
safely out of the way, for it has
troubled me off & on for a couple of
years, & what I most feared was that
it might come on when I was in
the war-zone, & there they are so
over-busy that one does not like
to add to their work.

The Dr. has flatly forbidden any meetings during December, but I have hosts of other things that I want to do, & we have not much more than a month in N.Y. now.

We had such a good Thanksgiving. Margaret came down from her school, & we visited all day long.

I wish you could have had your husband there! I know how hard it is to be separated, for we have been through so much of that, & it never grows easier. But that is one way in which we wives can sacrifice, & I know the Master sees the gift which it costs to

make, & He sends back the blessing upon our own souls.

With love to the babies & yourself,

Cordially yours,

M. H. Eddy.

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Dec. 4, 1917.

Dearest Mother:

Mr. Eddy is writing a new book, and I am spending practically all of my time in the library now. The new book is on the causes of war, the ethics of war and the question of international relations. I am helping him run down material, marking books for him and on the whole I think I am helping a little. With the help of a young lady typist we are making the fur fly and shall be in the library most of the time until I leave for Houston. It is a great privilege indeed.

I spoke for Brother Idleman in the Central Christian Church Sunday morning and had a most profitable time. Indeed, the response was more than usually gratifying. The leader of singing said, "His Majesty Sherwood Eddy couldn't have done better." Of course he was joking and I have not repeated this to anybody else. I did have a thoroughly enjoyable time of it.

I am most anxious to hear what Perry has decided about the navy. Am sorry that you and Mr. Murry have not been feeling very well. Can hardly wait for the time when I shall start for Houston. Alma writes that I won't know Mary and that Kirby is talking much plainer.. What dears they are!

With much love to all,

Kirby

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Dec. 4, 1917.

My dearie:

Another good letter came from you today. I was particularly interested in getting your letter yesterday with reference to our plans for next year and to know that you are favorably inclined toward the Chicago proposition. The more I think about this the more it appeals to me, although I have my doubts about tying myself down to a prescribed course of study for the Ph. D. I now incline to the same amount of time and work on subjects of my own choosing. Then too a Ph. D. requires both French and German, and I have neither. It would require at least a full half year to get them, and perhaps longer. It would be such a delight to go there and pick out what appeals to us and buckle down for some good hard work. We shall be able to talk this over in detail when I come.

Mr. Eddy is working on his new book and I am spending all of my time in the library these days. With the assistance of a young lady ~~exist~~ typist we are making the fur fly. I think I told you of the three general divisions of the book. (1) The causes of the war (2) the ethics of war (3) International relations. It more and more appears that he will simply add another volume to the avalanche of literature that has already appeared justifying war and heaping the sole responsibility upon Germany. I am doing my "durndest" but I am afraid that it will ^{not} have any effect upon him. Like most men in this day he has been so blinded that he simply cannot see what I call the truth. I am praying most earnestly that all of us may be given light.

I spoke for Brother Idleman on Sunday and had a most profitable time. The people were more than usually responsive. Mr. Eddy had to cancel most of his engagements as a result of Mrs. Eddy's operation, and they fell back upon me as a last resort.

I did not forget that Mary was three months old and Kirby twenty-three on Sunday. How the days are flying, and how anxious I am to see them again. I can't tell you how badly I want to feel your warm lips against mine and to look into those dear eyes. I do love you, oh so much.

Faithfully and devotedly yours,

Kirby

I am so pleased to hear of your personal work. Keep it up. you can do a lot of good.

Chicago, Illinois,

Dec. 5, 1917.

Dear Kirby,-

I was very much interested in your letter and the various propositions. It seems to me that no one would know the real advantages of a thorough education better than yourself. These two years with Mr. Eddy have made it possible for you to meet a great many educated and influential people and you have had a first-hand opportunity to see the advantages of a trained mind. It seems rather foolish for me to advise you when your experiences have been so much broader than mine these past two years but in my own narrow way of looking at things I am led to say that the sixth proposition seems by far the most advisable and common-sense one. My next would be to stay with Mr. Eddy but as you say your work for him now would be mere routine, without much profit to you. Next, would come some kind of war work in Europe which has a most wonderful appeal to me. The China proposition- that you must settle. The other two I would not consider.

Now as to number six. I am more enthusiastic about the University of Chicago than ever. In one of my classes this quarter we have made a study of a number of seminaries, including Union. I do not believe that there is any course of study offered anywhere that is any better than here. Question number one,- "What effect is the war having or will it have upon the standard of work offered during the remaining years of the war?" So far I cannot see that the war has effected the standard of the work in any way, unless it is even stiffer than before. As to the future I can not say, not being a prophet. Number two,- "Are many of the professors planning to leave the University?" In the Divinity School I have not heard of a Professor who is planning to leave. They are all at their work this year. Number three,- "What demand is there for scholarships and fellowships?" I do not know. Mary Roberts got one fellowship this year. I doubt if you could get one the first year. After that I think you would stand as good a chance as any one else. I think the fellowships are reserved more for the advanced students, especially for those working on their doctorate. I have my doubts if you really want one. They do not like to have students preach and have a fellowship, although some do both. If that is possible it would be all right. I say by all means to get a church,- that in preference to a fellowship or a scholarship, if there has to be a preference. Number five,- "As to the church." I believe it is possible to get a good church that will pay your expenses. Seth Slaught-ter, Drake 1916, got a good church this fall. Number four,- "As to cost." Here are a few items from our own family budget which will give you an idea as to cost.

Total expenses per month	Groceries milk and meat
June, \$68.90	\$17.36
July, 61.93	20.63
August, 92.08	13.02
Oct., 103.24	27.48
Nov. 92.77	20.35

The total expenses for a month include my expenses to Plymouth which would amount to about \$24 per month. The October bill is large because of extra supplies for the winter, as potatoes, meat and a Montgomery-Ward order.

Number six,- As to the value of the University of Chicago. I certainly believe there is none better. The weak place here is the Practical Theology department, but the other departments are so strong that one should look a long time before deciding to go elsewhere. I suppose you are planning, if you go to school, to do so next October. We have this flat rented until that time. It would pay you to make an inquiry very soon as to your possibility of getting it, for they have usually a long waiting list. We pay only \$20 a month for four rooms. It is a Divinity flat and much cheaper than others in the neighborhood. We get heat, water (hot and cold) gas stove, refrigerator for the \$20. Just a little personal advantage- if you should make up your mind to come and take the flat maybe I could sell back to you your bed, desk and rug and what other belongings in that line we have that you might want.

I will attempt to finish this letter. It has been delayed because I was not able to get in touch with Dr. Willett. I saw him today and had a little talk about you. I read to him your sixth proposition and he thought that you have the right attitude. He thinks that you ought to go ahead with your education. He says that the thing that appeals to the men of today is to do some kind of war service and that when the reconstruction time comes a good many will not be ready for it. He said that he would write to you in a few days. He thinks there is no reason why the standards will be let down here. That while the professors are doing some war work, yet they are going right on with their teaching as before. As to your support he thinks it will be easier to get a church now than at some other time, because there are fewer men.

I hope I have answered your questions satisfactorily and on the side I hope that you will come here so that we can sell out to you.

Hoping you will have a great trip in China and also that you will not forget us at home, I ever remain,

Your old friend, *John F. Stubbs.*

Remember Mary and me to Alma and the kiddies.

I ordered the University to send you the Catalogs.

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December 6th,

1917.

Mr. Kirby Page,
New York City.
My dear brother:

I have talked with Mr. Stubbs here, in regard to your plans, and am interested in helping you in any way to realize them.

I have watched with interest your work with the Association. It has certainly brought you a varied and valuable experience. I should think, however, that after spending so many months in that sort of activity you might well feel that your future work as a minister is entitled to large consideration. I have no doubt you wish to complete your graduate work in the best way possible.

I could wish very much that you might come to the University here and do that work with us. While our University staff has been affected in no small degree by the war, the situation in the Divinity School is hardly changed--except of course that a number of the men are doing such war work as they are able in connection with their regular duties. The staff is as strong as at any time, and the opportunities offered are even greater than before the war because of changes made possible thereby.

There should be no difficulty in finding work to do that will take care of your expenses. We have a number of churches in this vicinity upon which we can depend for a measure of cooperation in offering our men chances to preach. This is, of course, the best plan. Failing such an opening, we have scholarship arrangements that help to solve the problem. But there should be no difficulty in your getting a church for regular work.

Let me hear from you as to your plans, and let me be of any service in connection therewith. Your work for the Y. M. C. A., and in connection with Mr. Eddy, will be invaluable to you in your ministry.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert L. Willert

Dec. 7, 1917.

My dear Brother Kindred:

I can shut my eyes now and see that look of dismay on your face when Mrs. Harmon and I ordered the "double header" ice cream sundae! I recall those days in Kansas City with great pleasure. I had a most pleasant time indeed at Eureka and so much enjoyed meeting your daughter. I fell in love with her and if I were not an old married man with a large family you might find it necessary to kick me down the steps some fine day! You will not find it difficult to believe me when I say that she is held in the highest esteem by all of the folks at Eureka. Carl and I had a good visit together.

The immediate purpose of this letter, however, is not to congratulate you on your daughter, but to unload a bomb of surprise. You may remember how intensely I feel on the question of war. My study and thought in this connection has revealed to me how very little I know about any of the social problems of our day, and so I feel driven to attempt to get a better grasp upon the social applications of Christianity. I know of no place where I can do serious and continuous intellectual work in this connection save in a university with access to a good library. Consequently, after talking it over with Alma (by letter) and after much prayer, we have decided to return to the University of Chicago in October 1918 for further study and preparation. My desire is to study especially the structure of our social system and to attempt to get at the fundamental evils therein, one of which is war. I shall take courses in the fundamentals of sociology, applied sociology, economics, social teachings of Jesus, and kindred subjects. I now feel very keenly that I ought to devote at least two years to further intensive study, which would not be possible in the regular ministry of a church. So as a last resort I am driven back to the university, and am looking forward with keen anticipation to this study upon some of the vital problems of life.

Mr. Eddy plans to sail from Vancouver on January 17th for Japan and China. The China campaign ends at the middle of May. If Russia is open at that time he will cross the Siberian Railway for some work there and then on to France. I am to continue with him through this trip, returning to America in June if Russia is closed and on October 1st if we go to Russia and France.

After this long prelude, I now come to the point. If within the next few months you hear of a church out that way that cannot afford or secure a regular minister and who could use the services of a poor, struggling student, and if you feel that I could

be of any service to such a church, I would be most grateful if you would keep me in mind. You have a fairly good idea at least as to just where I stand, what my convictions are and of my hopes for the future.

You may be sure that I am looking forward with the greatest possible pleasure to seeing Alma and the babies on the way to the coast early in January. We are expecting to have a most happy time together, and after this trip I do not plan to leave them again. I know that you will not fail to remember us in prayer.

With personal regard and best wishes for you and yours,

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. C. G. Kindred,
Englewood Christian Church,
Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 7, 1917.

[Roberts 3]

Dear John:

Your long letter has just come and I want to thank you for the thoroughness with which you have answered my questions and for the information you have sent.

I have had a long letter from Alma in answer to my letter and she expresses herself as being delighted over the prospect of returning to Chicago and the University. My own convictions are stronger than when I wrote you and we are now definitely planning to come to Chicago for the Fall Quarter 1918. Of course, many things may happen between now and that time and we may be compelled to change our plans, but it is our definite purpose to come unless hindered by unforeseen circumstances.

You made a "home run" with your suggestion about our taking your flat and purchasing your furniture. I am writing to Dean Mathews by this mail, as per the enclosed copy. Will you please check up with him? As the time approaches we can come to a definite understanding regarding the furniture.

Many thanks also for seeing Dr. Willett for me. I am writing to him by this mail. The more I think about it, the less I am inclined to work for the Ph. D., for several good reasons. As you know, I do not have French or German and I have little desire to put in the required time to get them. Then too I do not want to tie myself down to a prescribed course of study but to use the greatest possible choice. I am coming to believe that the degree itself counts for little as compared with what you know and what you can do. I shall probably be content to finish the work for my M. A. and let the degrees go at that. I am looking forward with great eagerness to two or three years of hard work in the university.

I am spending all of my time this month in the library, helping Mr. Eddy with the new book which he is writing, on the causes of the war, the ethics of war, the ethics of international relations, etc. It is unusually interesting because I do not at all agree with his fundamental conclusions. It promises to be a book that will have a wide circulation in this country. With the help of a young lady typist we are making the fur fly and I am finding the study tremendously worth while.

We are to sail from Vancouver on January 17th, and I am going to the coast by way of Houston, where I shall have three or four days with Alma and the dearies. You may be sure that I am looking forward to this with the keenest anticipation. The China campaign ends about the middle of May. If Mr. Eddy is able to go to Russia he will spend some time there and then go on to England and France, and it has been settled that I am to go with him if he goes. If Russia is closed, we shall probably return to the States in June. At any rate I plan to be back by Oct. 1st. I had a good letter from Rex yesterday and am hoping to see him as we go through Japan. After this trip, I hope to be with Alma and the babies and to get really well acquainted with them. What a prospect!

With pleasant memories of days of friendship together and the hope that our friendship may deepen with the years, and with best wishes for all of you,

Ever your friend,

December 10, 1917

Mr. Kirby Page,
Building.

Dear Mr. Page:

I had the pleasure - and a very keen pleasure it was - of reading your manuscript which you had kindly loaned to Mr. Porter. It interested me greatly and I beg of you to publish the same at the very earliest moment. Will you pardon me if I make a few definite suggestions?

(1) Would it not be well to show a little more clearly that you have taken the space to do the difference between force as employed by war and force which one employs, say in the police department. Just two or three pages would make clear the possible redemptive features of our police system as over against the sheer murder of war. In this connection it might be well to use the illustration with which you start your paper, namely, that of killing a mad dog or a maniac, showing in just a few sentences how radically the defending of oneself on such an occasion would differ from what you know of the present war.

(2) Might it not be well to assume in some part of your book that the very worst would happen temporarily at least if Germany should conquer, but then make clear, as you could so easily, how the forces within Germany which are already threatening a revolution would, say within twenty-five or fifty years, bring about a democracy even in Germany which it is doubtful if we can ever force by war.

(3) Would it not be well to add another chapter in which you would give a constructive program that one might well substitute in place of war, going somewhat into detail so that no one could say that our program was simply a passive one?

Pardon me please for seeming to criticize after a very hasty reading. (The book seems to me to be the strongest thing I have yet seen) and I think it will appeal a little more to Americans than many of the English treatises on the subject. I covet, however, very greatly the publication of the book and I earnestly hope you will find the time to get it printed shortly.

Best wishes, and with much personal gratitude for the help you have rendered me, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

WHT*A

W. M. Pinker

The University of Chicago

The Biblical World

THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

December 11, 1917

Mr. Kirby Page,

124 E. 28th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Page:

I am very glad to hear from you, and we are putting your name on the list of applicants for the apartments. That is all that we can do so long before the time.

I remember very distinctly your leaving, and we shall be glad to have you back and to do everything we can for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Shailer Mathews

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December 13th,

1917.

Mr. Kirby Page,

New York City.

My dear brother:

I have yours of December 7th, which evidently passed my letter on the way. I probably gave you about the information you wanted in that letter. But if there is anything else regarding which I can write, please let me know. I am very glad indeed that you are planning to be with us. I hope nothing will interfere with that plan.

If at any time when you are gone you can send me a letter dealing with any phase of your work in the Orient I shall be delighted to have it, and to give it space in the columns of the Christian Century where it will reach an interested group of readers.

Most cordially yours,

Herbert L. Willitt

Dec. 14, 1917.

Dear Sirs:

I am informed by some of my friends that one or two of my letters from England and France were published in the Capital last summer. This leads me to enquire whether or not you would care to have me send you articles regularly during the next nine months, as I am travelling in Japan, China, Russia, Scandanavia, England and France.

I am travelling with Dr. Sherwood Eddy and have unusual opportunities of meeting people and seeing things that are of interest. We expect to sail from Vancouver on the Empress of Russia on January 17th for Japan and China. We shall be touring the larger cities of China until the middle of May, at which time we hope to cross the Siberian Railway to Russia, and then on to Scandanavia, England and with our American troops up at the front in France.

I spent four years in Drake University and am well known in Iowa. While in Drake I won my "D" three times in basketball and managed to stow away the intercollegiate tennis championship of Iowa in singles and doubles for two years. I should be pleased to send you two, three or four articles each month if you would be interested in receiving them. If you would care to appoint me special correspondent, I should be glad to know what your rate of payment would be.

I shall hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

Very sincerely yours,

K. P.

The Des Moines Capital,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Englewood Christian Church
CHAS. G. KINDRED, MINISTER
STEWART AVE. AND SIXTY-SIXTH PLACE

Chicago,12/19/17.....191

Dear Old Kirby: No wonder you remember the way you two Heathen stung me. I really tho't better of you than that. You acted more like my daughter than a kind of a foreigner. But I have recuperated and so nearly forgotten that it would be about likr me to enjoy doing it all over again. You know "a burnt child LOVES the fire after stung a time or two. I am a little rusty on my classics, but am sure you will readily recognize the author's name!!

And so the heart turns towards the ministry. Well, come on. Now that I've about concluded you are immune from the virus generally exuded at Chicago University, I will be glad for you to be here once more. If you were on hand now, I could drop you into a place that would respond to a little intensive work--the Marquette Park work. But along about the time it is definitely determinee when you will arrive, let me know and I will begin to clear away a spot for you to light on.

The Englewood work drags. I think I ought to get out, but there is no place for me to go. It is either here or quit, and I am not heroic enough to do that. It has made dependence a necessity and by that much I have learned the discipline of waiting. Surely He is concerned about any of us, and I can expect His leading. While I believe that with all my heart, yet it is terribly hard as a working creed. I have seen the work grow to its present strength, and now it seems to me it is ready to decline if I do not get out. The money still comes in, and we are able to go beyond any year of our past, but I sense the coming of the end. Forty of our fellows are away--some in France, others in different stages of preparation, which makes some difference.

Another thing that keeps me anchored here is the soon coming of the Savior. I do not think it will but a very short time at the most, and I want to be in the midst of my very own when He comes. So come on back and study, and we will talk all these things over together, and make the way seem easier for both of us. You will always be welcome and I will go my length to see that you have a place.

The folks are first, of course, but I hope you may find it easier to go thro Chicago when you start for the coast. With all good wishes of the Season, and the best of my love for you and yours.

Good-Bye,

"Old Man" K.

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W. S. LOCKHART, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Louisville, Ky. Dec. 24th, 1917.

Rev. Kirby Page,
Houston, Texas,
My dear Kirby and Alma:

I had begun to think that you were never going to write to me, and not knowing your address, I did not know where to write you.

I am so thankful for the card, and I do so trust that your recent experience with the Church in Houston will not linger in your memory as it was altogether an unthought matter in their minds, and which mistake, I am sure, they will see in due time. Personally, I have no sympathy with their attitude, but at this Season of the year we are forgetting those things, and turning our minds and hearts to the joys of the Christmas Season; and yet somehow, there is a cloud that hovers over our joy. We all would like a legitimate peace to come upon the earth, but I do so feel that we must make it a peace that will not be temporary, but permanent.

I have been in my work nearly two months, and I must say to you that I am more than pleased; I am delighted with it. These two months have been months of conferences with groups of Ministers and Social Workers and Religious Workers in connection with Camp Taylor the training camp here with 40,000 men of the National Army.

Louisville raised its 220,000 dollars for the Y.M.C.A fund with \$ 3000 to the good, so you may know that this is a city that does things.

I should like to have a long talk with you, and I might possibly suggest to you at this time that I believe this line of work would very greatly please you, and I surely can recommend it to you as one of the greatest lines that a young man can devote his life to.

I think that I explained to Alma that I had a visit of more than an hour with Mr. Eddy, and I think now that Mr. Eddy understands me somewhat better than formerly. He was kind enough even in the face of what my friend Mr. Jenkins told him to invite me to come to France next Summer. Whether that will be possible or not, I cannot now say, but I hope it will be. That I should be very glad to take up with you upon your return from the East, or if you do not get back by July or August (but I am presuming that you will) I hope you will remember this phase.

I sincerely trust that Alma and the children are quite well, and while Mrs.Lockhart, Paul and myself have not a home here in Louisville (our household goods have not yet arrived), we are hoping in a few days to be comfortably settled, to which we are looking forward with more than ordinary pleasure.

I need not say to you that Mrs.Lockhart is delighted with this change, and every day there are great things that come to my attention and consideration in this work.

I trust that you will have a fine trip as you go to China, and some day I am hoping to make this trip myself.

Give my love to all friends at Houston, and will you also remember me with the greetings of the Season to Mr.Eddy.

We have been so unsettled that we are not sending out our usual Christmas greeting cards and trust that all the friends will understand this lack of the formal greeting.

May God bless you in this trip, and make you a power for a great good, as indeed he is doing, is our constant prayer for you and yours.

Yours,
W. S. Lockhart

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Christmas Day, 1917.

Sweetest of little Women:

I know that you are very happy today, as I am also. We can be happy not because we are indifferent to the sin and suffering all about us, but because of the certainty of our inner consciousness that God lives and ultimately all will be well in the world. Without a growing faith in the living God and without the dynamic presence of the living Christ, the future would be painted in the blackest hues. A grip on the vital realities of life turns night into day, despair into hope, fear into trust, sorrow into joy. If one can lay hold on the living Christ and dwell continuously in His presence, he will begin to know the meaning of life abundant.

My thoughts are especially with the dear babies at this hour. This is particularly their day. He it was who hallowed and blessed childhood. How fitting it is that this day should be such a happy time for little children all over the world. I do wish that I could be with you today, but I am made hopeful when I think that in all probability this is the last Christmas I shall be away from you. After this trip I hope that we may be able to live our lives together and let our love deepen with the changing years. How I do love all of you and thank God for you!

I enclose a little Christmas note from Mr. Eddy, which I found in my overcoat pocket last evening. With it was a check for \$50, as a Christmas remembrance "for extra service rendered"! This is only another instance of his unfailing kindness to me during the months that I have been privileged to be associated with him. He is one of God's noblemen and I shall never cease to be grateful for this intimate touch with him. He has made life different for me.

Within a day or two I shall send you a letter just received from Brother Kindred. He is a dear if there ever was one. He says for me to come on to Chicago and that he will stow me away some place. Dr. Willett also said that he thought I would have no trouble whatever in securing a church in connection with the university work. I enclose a clipping from the Century with regard to my intention of returning to Chicago next fall. I had not expected to make this known to the public as yet, but it makes no great difference.

In a little while now I am going over to Brooklyn to take Christmas dinner with the Smaw family. Marvin and his wife will be there and we are expecting to have a very happy time of it. I only wish that you could be with us, or that we could be with you. I think I told you that I preached for Brother Amunson on Sunday before last. I did not tell you, however, that Mr. and Mrs. George Roff, who are now in the city, went out with me and we had a very fine visit together. He is with the Texas Company here and they like New York very much. Last Sunday evening I preached for Marvin at Ridgewood and enjoyed it ever so much. Those people have a very warm place in my heart and I do like to preach for them. Things are coming along in good shape.

Time is going by very quickly now and it will not be many days before I shall be with you. Happy thought! The rough draft of the new book is finished and it only requires polishing off now. A young lady typist is helping and I shall have very little additional work to do on it. I must confess that I am greatly disappointed in the book. It is going to be very popular and will meet with almost universal approval and in all probability will have a very large sale. But just the same, I am sure in my own mind that it will not be many years before Mr. Eddy would give his right arm, figuratively speaking, if he had not written the book.

Maxwell Chaplin pulled in from France a day or two ago. He was right up at the front, under fire, and has a great story to tell. He has come home a burning flame of Christian pacifism and is going to do much good, I am convinced. I think I told you that Jack Sherman and Henry Crane had landed a few days before, with the same convictions. It is most encouraging to notice that the young Christian workers who have had this experience are to such a large degree coming to believe that war is always and everywhere wrong for the Christian. I am to have dinner with Max and Henry on Thursday and am looking forward to a good visit.

With great eagerness I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Do remember me most heartily to the folks. I am so anxious to see them again.

With deepest and most abiding love,

Your own husband,

Kirby

1917?

Shilley, Mass.

Box 34

December 26th.

My dear Mr. Page.

Can you forgive
the long silence? I have thought
of you many times, and wished
that you might be multiplied, - the
self of you. If we only had a
world full of you - we would be pro-
human to-day! You ask me

to make suggestions for your script-
"Sword and Cross" - why I stand
in awe before it! It is a master-
piece! Nothing manicured, or strained,
or forced about it - just the plain
document of an exalted soul
that sees straight. May I show
it to my publisher? He has the
courage of the unpopular.

So you are going to the Orient?
Fortunate Orient! How you are needed
here! - but we are shading our eyes -
when the only cure for weak eyes
is light - more light.

I am going to try again for the
exemption. Can you help me in any
way with information? You certainly
can with prayer. Your prayers
must avail. We wish to do some
good in the world. Not as Mr. Jenkins
sees it - but as you, looking from
your mountain altar, see the crying
need for it.

I am mailing you my play
"A Modern Phœnix". I hope you
will care for it.

I trust that you will be over

the power to do your work.
You have much to do - for you
have been given great vision.

God bless you, when ever you
go.

Cordially yours

Gerre Baronté Fanner.

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Dear Heart:

1917
You and the dear babies shall be much in my thought as you read this. How our hearts ought to be touched by the sorrow of the world on this day, and by our own rich blessings in contrast. How happy we ought to be and are! How very, very good God has been to you and to me! How much do we not owe to Him in loving communion and service!

May this be a most happy day for all of you. I am eagerly looking forward to being with you so soon. Hasten the day!

With many kisses and much love

Only yours

Lirby

1917

Dear Kirby:

I wish you a
happy Christmas, though
far from home. I have
been gratified at your efficient
and tireless and unselfish
service, in season and
out of season, "as unto Him".
Though differing in opinion as
we do, I rejoice in your spirit
and pray that the
Christmas joy may be
yours in fulness

Your friend

G S Eddy



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Dec. 28th, 1917

Mr. Kirby Page,
124 East 28th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The MS. kindly submitted, THE SWORD OF THE CROSS, has had careful attention at the hands of several of our readers, meeting with no little appreciation as to your purpose and method of treatment, and yet with seeming necessity of questioning in part the attitude taken, and wholly the wisdom of undertaking publication. The general spirit of the manuscript is very thoroughly appreciated, but in the present mood of the country we would question the wisdom of seeking to exploit the volume if published. If times were not so abnormal, the work would undoubtedly have a helpful mission, even if the reader were obliged to disagree in part with the position taken -- but times are not normal, and we fear the general statement would be misunderstood.

Appreciating sincerely your submitting the matter to us, we return MS. by messenger herewith.

Yours,

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

December 31st, 1917.

Mr. Kirby Page,
617 Bethje St.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Page,-

I have your letter of December 27th, and take
great pleasure in sending you a copy of a letter which
I am writing to the missionaries named upon it. I
wish to thank you personally for giving me this great
privilege, and anything further that I can do, command
me.

Believe me, I am, as ever,

Most truly yours,

J. E. Leary

Encl.

*may God's blessing attend you
every step of the way is my prayer.*

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December 31, 1917.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer, Brother Kirby Page, is a preacher of the gospel. He is now associated with Sherwood Eddy in his evangelistic work. He proposes to spend some months in China. Because of his character and services, I take pleasure in commending him to the confidence and affection of the missionaries everywhere.

A. McLean
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December 31, 1917.

Mr. Kirby Page,

617 Bethje Street,

Houston, Texas.

My dear Bro. Page:

Yours of the 27th inst. reached me this morning. I am sending you a marked copy of our Annual Report. On the page marked you will find a list of all the missionaries in China. They will be very glad to see you and I am sure will show you every courtesy in their power. You do not need any letter of introduction, but I will enclose you one, simply because you request it. The fact that you are interested in the work is all that will be necessary.

I remember you very well. I have seen you more than once. The last time I saw you was in New York.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

HR

A. McLean